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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Except for a brief cold snap on Wednesday and Thursday, which was rather severe in the east, temperatures were unseasonably high during the week. A few light to moderate local showers occurred Tuesday over the central and eastern portions but there was no other precipitation.

February was unseasonably mild and dry over the western portion of the State. To the east, temperatures ranged downward to slightly below normal over the northeastern portion. Precipitation increased to the east, and a wide belt extending from the south-central to the east-central portion of the State received much more than the normal amount of precipitation.

CROPS Wheat has started to "green up" in Southern Nebraska and some parts of the Panhandle. Surface soil is still dry in the Panhandle since that area received very little moisture during February. The frost is still in the ground in the northeast and part of east central Nebraska, which caused some run-off from the melting snow.

Reports indicate that some field work would be done this week, unless more moisture is received. The demand for farm labor varies, but the labor supply is generally ample. There is a good demand for the better varieties of seed oats and a very heavy demand for legume and grass seed.

Corn allotments are being announced in the counties. The State reduction is about 17% below last year. While it appears that the reduced corn acreage will be planted mainly to oats, barley, sorghums, legumes and grasses, a few reports indicate that some soybeans and safflower will be planted. Reports from the Panhandle indicate a considerable increase in acreage of safflower.

About 5,418 cars of potatoes had been marketed by March 3 or about 2,000 cars under the shipments on the same date a year ago. One report indicates there are about 1,200 cars remaining for shipment with local price range from \$1.00 to \$1.10 per hundred pounds. Some of the surplus potatoes were sold to farmers for feed.

LIVESTOCK Weather conditions continue favorable for livestock. Reports indicate that calving and farrowing is a little earlier than usual and there were some losses where ample heat was not provided for the pigs. The moisture last month improved the palatability of range, while some reports indicate decreased interest in chicken production, but the hatchery output is larger. Increased interest in young dairy stock continues.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending March 6, 1950

Eastern Division

Central Division

Western Division

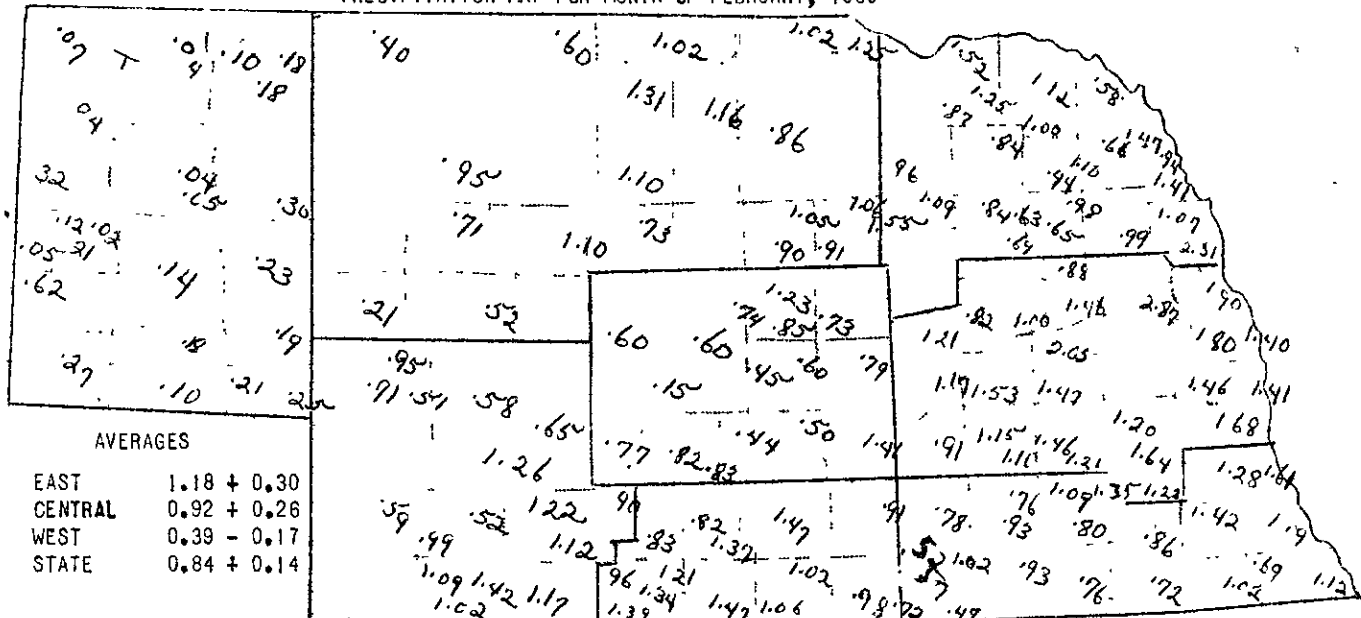
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Norfolk 0
Omaha .17
Sioux City 0

Burwell 0
North Platte .01
Valentine 0

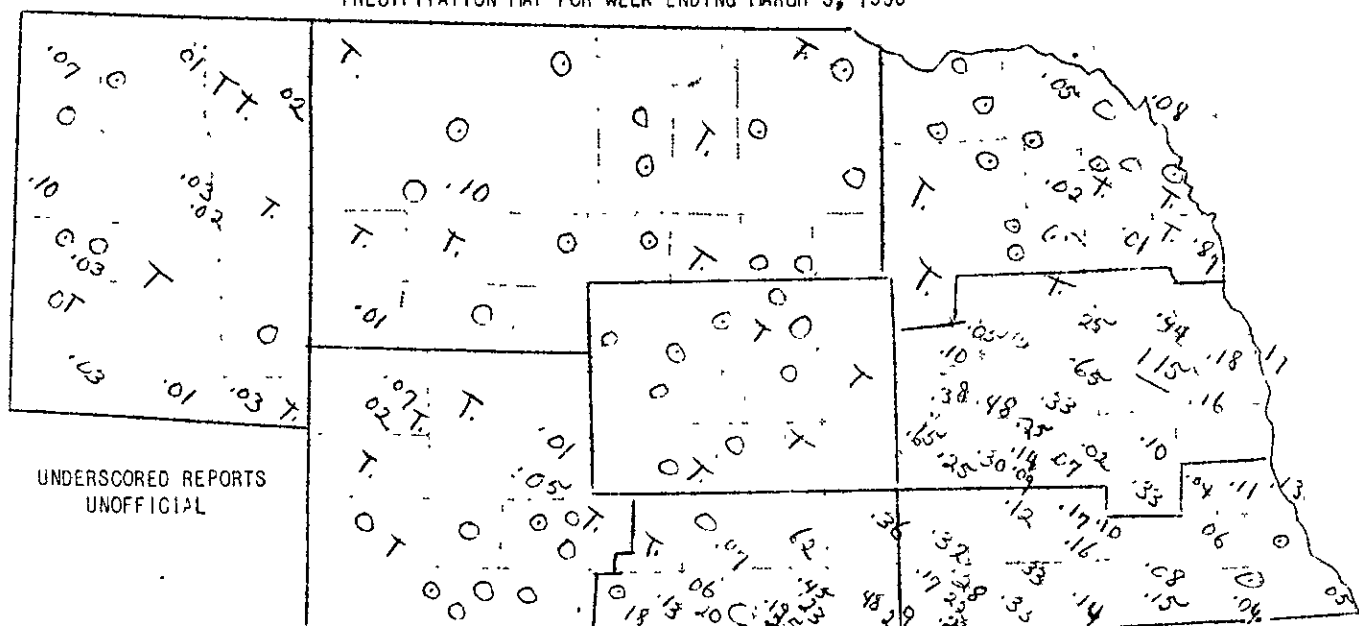
Chadron 0
Hayes Center 0
Scottsbluff .03
Sidney 0

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1950



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 3, 1950



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		FEBRUARY 28TH		MARCH 1ST		2ND		3RD		4TH		5TH		6TH	
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	66	31	38	15	35	7	52	19	58	29	71	34	74	47
	SCOTTSBLUFF	68	30	37	13	38	13	55	18	57	27	69	30	73	34
	SIDNEY	69	19	34	15	38	15	--	22	55	22	67	29	70	27
N-C	BURWELL	53	31	36	23	29	6	27	12	53	29	69	30	61	32
	VALENTINE	65	29	35	22	26	7	37	20	55	32	--	--	55	37
NE	NORFOLK	49	30	36	20	27	1	25	19	44	28	61	29	55	35
	SIOUX CITY	42	30	36	20	26	1	23	17	40	27	55	29	57	34
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	66	31	41	26	36	7	28	20	53	33	68	34	63	37
E-C	LINCOLN	62	33	38	26	31	6	28	26	48	34	69	35	65	43
	OMAHA	53	34	38	24	29	4	27	23	45	30	65	31	61	40
SW	HAYES CENTER	69	32	42	16	40	12	41	16	60	29	70	39	76	36
	NORTH PLATTE	63	31	38	16	37	12	36	19	58	25	69	31	73	31

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